

Assault of woman GCO demands judicial probe into incident

By DU Correspondent
Ganotantik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) brought out a procession and held a rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding immediate formation of a judicial probe body to investigate the assault of a young woman on the campus during the New Year celebration.

Addressing the rally at Aparajeyo Bhanga, leaders of the left-leaning student organisation demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for the incident.

They also expressed concern over the fast deterioration of law and order situation across the country.

GCO leaders also blamed the government for failing to take punitive actions against those involved in the assault of the woman.

Among others, Mahmudur Rahman Mamun of Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Anuza Rahman Anu of Bangladesh Chhatra Maitri addressed the rally.

Workshop on gender equality today

By Staff Correspondent
A workshop under the project of Policy Advocacy Leadership for Gender Equality will be held at the Ansar Academy auditorium in the city today.

Director General of Ansar and VDP Major General M Nurunnabi will attend the function.

The function will discuss the progress of the project under the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

Release of JCD president, gen-secy demanded

By DU Correspondent
Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) student wing of main opposition BNP, in statement yesterday demanded immediate release of its president Habibur-Nabi Sohel and general secretary Nasruddin Ahmed Pintu.

In the statement, Amanullah Aman, the student affairs secretary of BNP threatened to launch a tough movement if the leaders were not released immediately.

He also demanded withdrawal of all 'false cases' lodged against the JCD leaders across the country.



Zafar Ahmed Chowdhury (Right), Chief Adviser of Janata Insurance Company Ltd and Chairman of UCBL addressing as chief guest the Managers' Eid Reunion of Dhaka Zone held at his head office in Motijheel yesterday afternoon. Md Jainul Abedin, Managing Director (current charge) presided over the function while Mohammad Rashed Ali, SVP & Company Secretary and Fazlul Haque Khan, Senior Vice President (Accounts) were also present at the get-together.

Khaleda visits Nikunja's residence

Opposition leader Khaleda Zia yesterday visited the residence of late Joint Secretary Nikunja Bihari Nath and consoled the members of the bereaved family, reports UNB.

Nikunja was killed by muggers on January 11 near Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University.

As Khaleda Zia went to the house this evening, Nikunja's wife Khuku Rani Chowdhury embraced her and burst into tears. Khaleda listened to the sad story from Nikunja's son.

Khaleda consoled them and said Nikunja was an honest government officer.

Begum Zia stayed at his home for 10 minutes. She was accompanied by Akhteruzzaman MP, Sadek Hossain Khoka MP and Mosharraf Hossain MP.

Earlier in the morning, Akhteruzzaman and a personal staff of Begum Zia carried a condolence message of the BNP Chairperson to Nikunja's family.

Appointment

Muhammad Musa, a joint secretary has joined as director-general of the Disaster Management Bureau under the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, said a press release last night.

Muhammad Musa, also a freedom fighter, joined the Mujibnagar government in 1971 as information officer. He also worked as war correspondent of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra. He served in President's Secretariat and different ministries in various capacities, it added.

Punjab Speaker calls on Humayun Rashid Chy

The visiting Speaker of Punjab Legislative Assembly of India, Sardar Charanjit Singh Atwal, called on Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury at his Jatiya Sangsad office yesterday, reports BSS.

Humayun Rashid explained the procedures and strategies of different sessions of Jatiya Sangsad to Atwal. He also thanked the Punjab Speaker for his parliamentary study tour in Bangladesh.

Paying rich tribute to the Founding Father of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Atwal said that he was a great leader of the last century.

He appreciated various activities of Bangabandhu specially the provisions of equal rights for all people in Bangladesh irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

Quazi Md Munzur-U-Mowla, Secretary, Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat, was present during the meeting.

Cox Bazar BMA polls Jan 22

COX'S BAZAR, Jan 17: All office-bearers and members except the President of the district unit of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) have been elected unopposed, reports BSS.

The election for the post of president will be held on January 22. The contenders are Dr Rezaul Karim, Dr Abdun Nur Bulbul and Dr Saifuddin Farazi.

Dr Arup Dutta Bappi, Paediatrician of Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital, was elected general secretary unopposed.

Garment industry seminar begins in city Jan 21

A two-day national seminar on 'Growth of Garment Industry in Bangladesh: Economic and Social Dimensions' will begin in the auditorium of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) on January 21, says BSS.

The seminar, being organised by the BIDS in collaboration with the OXFAM Bangladesh, includes four working sessions on different aspects relating to garment industry.

The working sessions will be on 'Globalisation and Macro Implication of the Growth of Garment Industry in Bangladesh', 'Household Dynamics and Growth of Garment Industry in Bangladesh', 'Health and Living Standard of Garment Workers in Bangladesh' and 'Panel Discussion on Problems and Prospect of Garment Industry in Bangladesh'.

Persons interested to attend any of the working sessions of the seminar have been advised to contact Research Fellow of BIDS, Pratima Paul Majumder, for further details.

Waz mahfil

A three-day Waz mahfil will begin on January 20 at Hyderabad Eidgah Maidan of Laxmipur district to mark the 35th Hazrat Maulana Sayeed Taher Amer Zabiri Al Madani, reports BSS.

Alhaj Hazrat Maulana Sayeed Anwar Hossain Taher Zabiri Al Madani, Khatib, Andarkilla Jame Masjid, Chittagong, will preside.

Sakhawat Memorial Girls' High School Alumnae Assoc election Mar 10

The first election of Sakhawat Memorial Girls' High School Alumnae Association will be held in the city on March 10, says a press release.

This was decided at a meeting of ex-students of Sakhawat Memorial Girls' High School (Calcutta) on January 15.

Twenty-two ex-students attended the meeting organised by the convening committee of the association.

The polling will be held at 4 pm at 3, Paribag, Dhaka.

New term at British Council Teaching Centre

The British Council Teaching Centre in Dhanmondi is presently registering students for the first term of the millennium. Registration is open each day until January 20, from 12:30 to 5:00 pm. Courses are available for adults and young learners. The courses will run from January 23 to April 6, says a press release.

Adult courses include general English classes, as well as preparation for the IELTS and Business English Certificate level 1 exams, and more specialised 'Writing for Professional' courses.

Video-based language improvement courses for Young Learners are also being offered. This term, classes are offered once a week, for two and a half hours each session.

Further information on all courses can be obtained from the British Council Teaching Centre on 911 6171/911 6545 or by email: dt@thebritishcouncil.n

Project being implemented to develop zoo

Fisheries and Livestock Minister A S M Abdur Rob informed the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that a project for the overall development of Dhaka zoo is being implemented for the development and beautification of the zoo, reports BSS.

Replying to a question by Kamal Ahmed Majumder (AL-Dhaka) he said that all the officers and employees of the zoo are sincerely taking care of the animals and birds and are working for the overall development of the zoo.

He further said that he did not think that the allegation against the officials and employees of negligence of duty was correct.

Jubo League leader killed in road accident

Two people, including the president of Sirajganj district Jubo League, were killed and five others were injured in separate accidents around the country yesterday, reports UNB.

Ishtiaq Ahmed Alok, 40, president of the Sirajganj Jubo League unit was killed in a road accident at Tangail in the early hours yesterday on his way back home from Dhaka after attending the wedding ceremony of the Home Minister's son.

Family and police sources said Ishtiaq died on the spot and his six companions were injured seriously when a speeding truck dashed into his micro bus standing near the Tangail bus stand at 3 am.

Police brought the body of Alok to his home and sent the five wounded to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a serious condition.

Home Minister Mohammad Nasim attended his namaj-e-janaza and burial at Rahmatganj graveyard in Tangail after Asr prayers.

Meanwhile, a young man was killed by a bus in a tragic mishap in Chapainawabganj yesterday morning, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Saidur Rahman, 22, of Rail Bagan in the town, was run down by a Shibganj-bound bus in front of the Sonali Bank at Barogharia in the town at about 8 am.

He was rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where he died at about 11 am.

The driver managed to flee with his vehicle.

In yet another incident in the city, locals foiled a bid to kidnap a female schoolteacher from in front of Udayan Cinema Hall Sunday night, catching the two kidnappers red-handed.

Amanat Ali, Jamshed and Abdul Aziz were waylaid the homebound rickshaw of Zerina Khatun, 24, a teacher of Nayagola KG School, and tried to abduct her. She was returning alone from Rajshahi.

EC envoy calls on Faezul

Ambassador of European Commission (EC) to Bangladesh Antonio de Souza Menezes called on State Minister for Jute A K Faizul Huq at his Secretariat office yesterday and discussed matters relating to mutual interest, reports UNB.

They also discussed the ways and means to strengthen the activities of the International Jute Organisation (IJO).

Among others, First Counsellor of the European Commission Jorg Volker Ketelsen was also present, said an official handout.



International Project Support Services System Limited, Hertz Rent-a-Car Licensee in Bangladesh, and Best Aviation Limited, country's first private sector helicopter operator jointly organised a briefing session for the travel agents at a local hotel yesterday. Managing Director of both the companies, M Haider Uzzaman is speaking on the occasion.

Azad stresses on economic diplomacy

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad on Saturday said the present government has placed special emphasis on 'economic diplomacy' for the wellbeing of the country, reports BSS.

He said this special emphasis has been laid on this aspect of diplomacy in the light of changed international political and economic order for promoting exports, attracting foreign investments and securing more employment opportunities for Bangladeshis in the labour-importing countries.

The foreign minister was speaking at the inauguration of the fifth specialised course for the officers of the BCS (FA) Cadre.

Held at Foreign Services Academy, the function was attended, among others, by Foreign Secretary CM Shaif Sami and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Azad said besides taking these steps (economic diplomacy), Bangladesh is also cooperating with friendly and like-minded countries in tackling international economic problems.

Reminding the trainee officers of their tasks ahead, Azad said they should be well armed to face the tough job. He expressed the hope that the training would enhance their professional knowledge, broaden mental horizon and provide a solid foundation for the duties and responsibilities entrusted upon them.

Best Aviation to set up branches at Sylhet, Ctg

Best Aviation Limited (BAL), the country's first private helicopter company, will set up two branch offices at Chittagong and Sylhet next month.

This was announced by the M Haider Uzzaman, the Managing Director (MD) of the company, at a brief discussion with the travel agents at a city restaurant yesterday.

The programme was organised to introduce the service of BAL and Hertz Bangladesh, a 24-hour rent-a-car company. Both are the sister concerns of International Project Services System Limited (IPSS).

Haider said that the target group of the service is the multinational companies and the foreign investors.

The Aviation has so far operated 15 flights between the capital and different parts of the country since its inception on December 14 last year.

Haider Uzzaman urged the travel agencies to help promote the services and develop tourism sector in Bangladesh.

The BAL will also provide emergency service to carry patients from any remote area of the country. He said adding that two patients can be carried in a flight at a time.

Addressing the function head of Operation and Marketing of Hertz International Licensee, Sheikh Atab Ahmed said at present the Hertz is operating rent-a-car service with 40 cars and also offers communication services and security services.

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Rotary News Weekly meeting. The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held today at 4:30 pm at Dhaka Club, says a press release.

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Roads & Highways Department Tender Invitation Notice. 1. Tender notice number: 38 BRD of the year 1999-2000. 2. Name of work: Works of different groups (as per group list) under Barisal Road Division during 1999-2000 year.

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